

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to sarlnews@hotmail.com not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from nine to thirteen hours (09:00 to 13:00) at 0(zero)11 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The news follows in detail:

NOMINATIONS FOR SARL COUNCIL MEMBERS

All present members of the SARL Council retire at its next AGM, which will take place on 29 March 2003 in Bloemfontein and in preparation for the event; nominations for councillors are invited in terms of Rule 16.2 from members of the SARL to fill these vacancies. Should more than 15 nominations be received a ballot will be held.

Each nomination must contain the following:

1. Full names, call sign and address of nominee;
2. An amateur radio related CV of not more than 200 words;
3. A signed declaration by the nominee that s/he accepts nomination and will serve on the Council of the SARL if elected;
4. Each nomination must be signed by a proposer and seconder;
5. Only fully paid-up members (Rule 16.3) of the SARL may be nominated, propose and second a nomination.

MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motions for submission and consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the SARL on 29 March 2003 in Bloemfontein are invited from members.

Each motion must contain the following:

1. A concise description of the motion;
2. A motivation in support of the motion;
3. A proposer and a seconder must sign each motion.

Nominations and motions must reach the Secretary by no later than 30 November 2002. They must be addressed to The Secretary, SARL and mailed to P O Box 1721, Strubensvallei, 1735 or faxed to 011 675 2793. Other contact details are Tel 011 675 2393 and E-Mail: admin@sarl.org.za.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ON 10 NOVEMBER

The annual remembrance service for radio amateurs who offered their lives on duty for South Africa will be broadcast on Sunday 10 November at 10:45 over all the transmitters of Radio-Sonder-Grense. Rev. Lendus de Villiers, ZS6LLV, minister of the DRC congregation Rietfontein-North in Pretoria will conduct the service. We request that amateurs maintain radio silence during the transmission and where possible relay the service over repeaters.

On Monday 11 November 1918, at 05:00 the Armistice was signed in the railway carriage of Marshall Foch in a forest on the Western Front. At 11:00 on 11 November 1918 the guns fell silent and peace came to the Western Front, the end of the First World War. At 11:00 on Monday 11 November 2002 it will be the 84th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Radio Amateurs across South African are asked, where possible, to observe two minutes silence at 11:00 on 11 November to honour the fallen of all wars. The first in thanksgiving of those who survived and the second in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS SEPTEMBER VHF/UHF CONTEST

Here are the provisional results for the September SARL VHF/UHF Contest. Of the 16 logs received only 4 were sent by post, the remainder arriving by email. Participants should refrain from using "funky" means of sending logs. One log arrived in a format, which was almost impossible for the contest committee to decipher, logs can be in plain text, MS Excel or MS Word. Sending the log in a graphic format such as jpeg or gif file causes problems! Logs must contain a summary sheet containing the relevant information as per the SARL Contest Manual or Blue Book.

Unless there are any protests these results will become final within 14 days of publication on the SARL bulletin. Thanks to all who sent in logs.

Fixed Station - All Modes:

ZR6ZL 1226 points; ZS6PTB 397; ZS5LEE 226; ZS5AM 185; ZR5DK 137.

Fixed Station - Fm Only:

ZS6XT 293; ZS6PDK 231; ZR6RDU 221; ZS5DG 36.

Field Station - All Modes:

ZS6STN 3519; ZS6TDK 1723,5; ZS6EGB 1327,5; ZS4BFN 676,5; ZS4NS 582.

Check Log: ZR5Z

CITY OR TOWN SEARCH ON THE ONLINE CALL BOOK

Richard ZS2CLI has created something new for members to play with. He has created a search facility for the online call book that will allow a member to type in a City or Town name and get a list of amateurs who's postal address contains that City or Town name. But the list may not contain all the information required. Some amateurs do not include the main city/town in their postal addresses; for example, a ham in Gonubie is not going to add East London to his address. When you do a search on East London, the Gonubie addresses will not be included. How do you get to the new City search.visit www.sarl.org.za/members/Adv_callbook1.asp.

SARL HF FIELD DAY

The Contest Committee would like input from clubs and individuals as to a suitable date for the SARL HF Field Day. The present date in March is not suitable as it is too close to the SARL VHF/UHF Contest. Please have a look at the calendar and send suggestions to zs4bs@netactive.co.za

NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome the following new members to the SARL:

ZR1AE Mr Emmanuel E.A. Petersen; ZR1QRN Marion Young; ZR1VN Mr Volker Norman Otto; ZR2BET Mr Richard Keet; ZR6ADI Mr W.G. Davel; ZR6AQ Mr Stephanus H Potgieter; ZR6ATP Mr Llewellyn D. Stewart; ZR6ADB Mr Steve J. Verster; ZR6HBE Mr Hendrik Bester; ZR6JPN Mr JPJ Nel; ZR6JWN Mrs JW Nel; ZR6JS Mr J Swanepoel; ZS2IS Mr Ian Sutherland; ZS4JR Mr J. Minney; ZS5AS Mr Braam Saayman; ZS5IH Mr Ian Griffiths Hunter; ZS5LPT Mr David Smith; ZS5MMK Mr Meyer Koch; ZS5WP Mr Wally Perfect; ZSL212 Mr John Hilton; ZSL214 Mr Michael Beck; ZSL215 Mr Cecil Tivers; ZSL216 Mrs Karen Lauf; ZSL217 Mr Michael Fleming; ZSL218 Mr Willem Weideman; ZSL219 Ms Sandor Vas; ZSL220 Mr Geoff Springer; ZSL224 Mr Brian Greenwood; ZSL225 Mr Mike Iisley; ZSL319 Gizno Amature R.C.; ZSL320 Mr Johan Van Tonder; ZSL321 Mr Anthony Todd Gaine; ZSL322 Mr P.J. Van Der Merwe.

We trust that you'll have a long and fruitful association with the SARL.

SARL OPEN DAY AT THE NARC A GREAT SUCCESS

The SARL open day at the NARC last Saturday 2 November was a great success. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, radio amateurs from far a field paid a came to do business. Two new members joined up and three came to renew their membership. Books to the value of approximately R1 300 were sold, thus the SARL benefited financially on the day.

Amateurs from Witbank, Alberton, East Rand, Sandton and Pretoria were present. Fifteen members of Magalies Radio Amateur club and their families totalling 28 persons camped under the trees and had a pleasant gathering, full of jokes. Children and young people enjoyed the jumping castle until they were tired. Just before the rain came down, everybody moved to the lappa, the braai fires were ready and the meat on the grill could be smelled from far away. Everyone was in a happy mood and enjoyed the get-together while having lunch with all the salads prepared by the ladies.

After lunch Piet ZR6PJB and Jacques ZR6JS gave a interesting talk on the operational aspects of IRLP and later gave a practical demonstration in the Reno Faber Radio Room. From now on the NARC will be open for business every second Saturday from 09:00 till 13:00 for the benefit of those who do not work on Saturdays.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

A special event station, 8N1OGA, is active until the end of January 2003 from Ogasawara to commemorate the 75 years of the Japan Amateur Radio League. Activity of late has been found on 160, 80, 30 and 12 meters. QSL via JA1MRM.

This brings us to the end of today's news bulletin.

This bulletin was compiled by Dennis ZS4BS and read by.....from ...as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750, and 7082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban and 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz. Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

Also join the SARL President's net, which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those persons supplying news for these bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

LATE NEWS

Due to an unforeseen sequence of events this sad news item suffered omission from the main bulletin. News readers please include it in all local transmissions of the bulletin for 10 November.

SILENT KEY

It is with great regret that the Council of the SARL have to announce the passing away of Johannes van der Hoven, ZS6CC, better known as “Hofie”, on Friday November 8 at the age of 58 years. Hofie had his training at the Olifantsfontein radio and Hartbeeshoek satellite stations. He was a knowledgeable person and well known for his satellite weather picture transmissions. Our sincere condolence to his wife Christa, family and friends.

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